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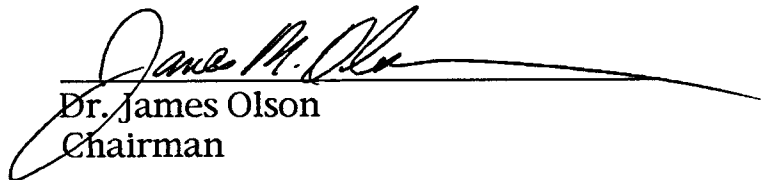
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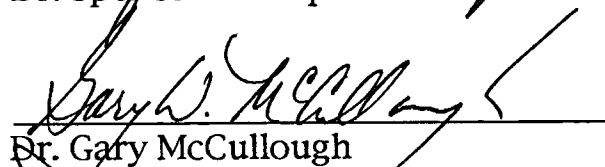
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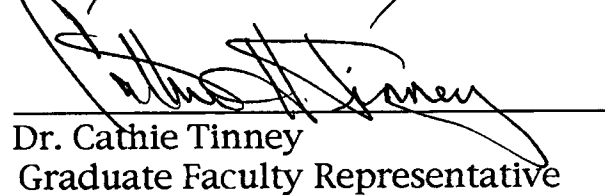
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Abstract

A review of related literature indicated a person's perception of negative life experiences may be unusually high prior to the onset of an illness. An external locus of control belief system may also be present prior to the onset of an illness. The present study used the Life Experiences Survey measure to compare the perception of life experiences of a group of people with CFIDS and a group of people without CFIDS. The present study also used the Locus of Control Scale to measure the locus of control belief system for the same two groups of people. The results of the present study indicated people with CFIDS do perceive life experiences as unusually negative in the year prior to the onset of CFIDS. The results also indicated people with CFIDS do not have an unusually external locus of control belief system. The implications of these findings were discussed.